

Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council

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Legislative Update

- ▶ **Our strategy to provide Empowerment Through Information for the Planning Council**
 - Become a resource to all seeking information regarding Developmental Disabilities
 - Build relationships with legislators, staff, and others
 - Track proposed legislation
- ▶ **Results so far**
 - Sophisticated (but user friendly) weekly updates on the ADDPC web site
 - Information packet distribution
 - Office calls with 85% of legislators (so far)
 - Expanded linkages (e.g., Garen Austin, ACES, Rep. Albert Hale, Navajo Nation, etc.)

Tracking legislation

- ▶ 1,145 bills posted.
- ▶ 2 bills passed so far.
- ▶ We are tracking 58 bills.
- ▶ 20 of these bills have had some sort of action since February 14. All the other are “dormant,” but not dead.
- ▶ Of the 20 bills with recent activity, 15 have moved from one house to the other for action.

Analysis

Caution: Nothing is “set in stone”

- ▶ HB2044, HB2045, and HB2089 are all AHCCCS related and moving forward
- ▶ HB2091 another AHCCCS bill (orthotic services restoration) ready for Senate
- ▶ HB2401 Service Animal Definition

Analysis

- ▶ HB2144 Child Protective Services
- ▶ H2259 Orthodontic Devices Tax
- ▶ S1090: Dependent Children: Placement; Grandparents; Stipend
- ▶ S1100: AZ School for the Deaf and Blind; Continuation

Conclusion

- ▶ Legislators are generally well disposed to the ADDPC. Many have family members or close friends with a disability.
- ▶ The governor's budget calls for \$318M in new spending. Much of that money would go to education and social-welfare programs.
- ▶ We will continue the weekly updates to keep you informed.
- ▶ Do you have any questions?